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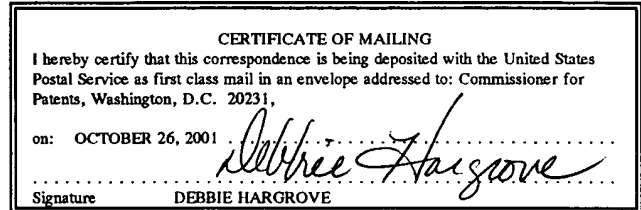
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted for filing with the Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents for the above-referenced patent application:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449;
3. References A-1 through A-8; and
4. Postcard Acknowledgment.

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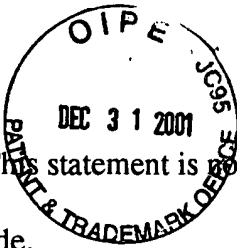
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit this statement. This submittal is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and § 609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

Disclosed on the attached form PTO-1449 is a listing of the art references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each of the cited references and, after such consideration, initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 in the spaces provided next to each reference. Please return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication transmitted to the Applicants. For the convenience of the Examiner in considering the references, a copy of each of the cited references are enclosed with this communication.



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